

# TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MANAGERS

OF THE

# PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

## INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

Presented to the Corporators,

At their Annual Meeting, February 4, 1856.



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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORPORATORS,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 1856.

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The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, was held at the Institution on Monday afternoon, February 4th, 1856, at 4 o'clock.

The President, Hon. Samuel Breck, in the Chair.

Mr. Breck alluded to the valuable services of Mr. Waterman, so long and so faithfully rendered to this Institution, and at his suggestion the following resolutions being offered were unanimously adopted:—

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers to the Corporators was then presented and read: and on motion of Mr. Waterman, the Annual Report just read was adopted, and with its accompanying documents the same was referred to the Board of Managers this day to be elected, with instructions to print such portions thereof as they may deem advisable.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. Stocker, and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas this Institution has, on various occasions, derived great benefit from the personal exertions and influence of A. G. Waterman, Esq.—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Corporation are due, and are hereby extended to Albert G. Waterman, Esq., for his many faithful and valuable services rendered to this Institution; and among other services, especially for his successful efforts in attracting to this Institution the sympathy and the very liberal aid of the State.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers this day to be elected be instructed, by some suitable testimonial, to express in more permanent form the high esteem in which this Corporation hold the services of Mr. Waterman.

The Board then proceeded to the annual election of officers and managers of the Institution.

Mr. Pierce Butler and Mr. Wiegand acted as tellers.

The tellers reported the following gentlemen as duly elected, and thereupon they were declared to be officers and managers of the Institution for the ensuing year.

*President.*

SAMUEL BRECK.

*Vice Presidents.*

JNO. K. KANE,  
ALBERT G. WATERMAN,  
J. FRANCIS FISHER,  
FRANKLIN PEALE.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

THOMAS S. KIRKBRIDE, M.D.

*Recording Secretary.*

THEODORE CUYLER.

*Treasurer.*

ROBERT PATTERSON.

*Consulting Physician.*

CHARLES D. MEIGS, M.D.

*Consulting Surgeon.*

WM. BYRD PAGE, M.D.

*Managers.*

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| JOHN C. CRESSON,       | ISAAC ELLIOTT,   |
| ROBLEY DUNGLISON, M.D. | J. C. BOOTH,     |
| ALFRED L. ELWYN, M.D.  | THOMAS C. JAMES, |
| CASPAR MORRIS, M.D.    | W. H. DRAYTON,   |

A. V. PARSONS,  
JOHN A. BROWN,  
WILLIAM R. LEJEE,

MORRIS PATTERSON,  
PIERCE BUTLER,  
G. N. ECKERT, M.D.

The minutes were then read, and the meeting adjourned.

THEO. CUYLER.

*Rec. Sec'y.*

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

### FINANCE.

William R. Lejee,  
Isaac Elliott,

John A. Brown,  
Pierce Butler.

### INSTRUCTION.

Dr. Robley Dunglison,  
J. Francis Fisher,

Dr. A. L. Elwyn,  
John C. Cresson,  
John K. Kane.

### HOUSEHOLD.

Albert G. Waterman,  
Dr. T. S. Kirkbride,

Morris Patterson,  
W. H. Drayton,  
Dr. G. N. Eckert.

### ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.

Franklin Peale,

Anson V. Parsons,  
J. C. Booth.

### HOME.

Thomas C. James,  
Dr. T. S. Kirkbride,  
Dr. Caspar Morris,

Franklin Peale,  
A. G. Waterman,  
John C. Cresson.

### FEMALE VISITERS.

Mrs. J. K. Kane,  
Mrs. A. G. Waterman,  
Mrs. F. Peale,

Mrs. A. L. Elwyn,  
Mrs. J. A. Brown,  
Mrs. Butler.

## OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

*Principal.*WILLIAM CHAPIN.

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*Principal Teachers.*

JOSEPH FLEMMING, MARY E. WOODWARD.

*Assistant Teachers.*

HARRIET E. PRESTON, MATILDA HANKINS.

*Teacher of Music.*

ERNEST PFEIFFER.

*Assistants.*DAVID WOOD, MARIA GILL,  
JAMES BRENNAN, RACHEL LAIRD.

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*Prefect.*WILLIAM L. HUMPHREYS.

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*Master of Handicraft.*

EDWIN T. M'INTIRE.

*Assistant.*

WILLIAM M'MILLEN.

*Teacher of Broom Making.*

C. H. SHAW.

*Mistress of Handicraft.*LEAH ANN SHARPLESS.

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*Matron.*

MRS. ELIZA WHITE.

*Assistant Matron.*REBECCA COLLINS.

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*Salesman.*CHARLES KELLY.

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*Visiting Physician.*

A. E. STOCKER, M.D.

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TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT.

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THE Board of Managers have the happiness to report most favourably on the condition and welfare of this Institution.

In each department, the duty devolved upon it, has been faithfully discharged by its Committee. Thus the supervision of Instruction; the care of the Finances; the government of the Household; the guardianship of the "Home," and the strict examination of candidates for admission, have all worked in perfect harmony, and produced throughout the school a spirit of industry, application in study, and entire contentment. The cheerful deportment of all the numerous pupils is, indeed, the result of their happy situation. To this state of good feeling, of comfort and health, so promotive of improvement in their studies and workshops, we may attribute the great progress they make in each.

In music, that great source of enjoyment and future support of the Blind, they have reached a degree of

advancement, sufficiently attractive to draw at the weekly exhibitions, an audience of 600 to 800 persons, who show by their constant attendance, the value they set upon the performance. New branches of industry have been lately introduced, suited in an especial manner to the ability of every male pupil; such as can be easily and advantageously pursued, after his departure from the Institution.

The skill of the females in knitting, has produced from abroad, an annual demand for their work, which brings from the West Indies a very considerable return in money.

With this brief introduction, the Board invite the attention of the contributors and the public, to the annexed report of the Principal, in which will be found a particular statement of the past year's transactions.

SAMUEL BRECK,

*President.*



# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

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TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS :

Gentlemen,—I respectfully present the following report of the condition, progress and prospects of the Institution. It will be seen that the number of pupils is larger than at any former period. This is a natural result as the advantages of the Institution become more widely and favourably known. With the increase of population in the State, the Blind increase by an almost fixed law of proportion. Yet the number in this and other schools is always much below the aggregate of eligible cases in the community. It is not enough to provide a place of instruction and support for a term of years; additional and active efforts must be put forth to reach them personally, or by such influence as shall overcome the prejudices so often encountered.

The just and comprehensive policy of this State, in its provision for universal education, has not overlooked the Blind. The Executive and Legislative authorities have nobly responded to their claims for a participation in this great blessing, by enlarging the appropriation to this Institution, and thus providing for the increased number of pupils. And your Board has promptly recognised this benevolent policy, by

proceeding at once to enlarge the buildings and provide the necessary additional accommodations.

The number of pupils and other blind persons connected with the Institution, including those in the manufacturing department, at the present time (Jan. 1, 1856), is one hundred and thirty-three.

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| On the 1st January, 1855, there were | 125             |
| Discharged or left during the year,  | 18              |
| Died, - - - - -                      | 3               |
| Received during the year, - -        | 29              |
| Remaining, - - - - -                 | 133             |
| Of this number there are—            |                 |
| From Pennsylvania, - - - -           | 104             |
| „ Maryland, - - - -                  | 7               |
| „ New Jersey, - - - -                | 12              |
| „ Delaware, - - - -                  | 5               |
| „ All other places, - - - -          | 5               |
| Total, -                             | <hr/> 133 <hr/> |

Of these, twenty-six contribute chiefly or in part to their own support, as assistant teachers, and by their industry; and seven are pay pupils, in full or part.

Three deaths have occurred the past year; the first was Isaiah Peek; the second was John B. Haines, aged about 14. Both were from the State of New Jersey, and were very bright and promising children. The third was Harriet Arnold, a very worthy adult pupil. After appropriate religious services in the Institution, they were interred in our lot at Laurel Hill, near the graves of the pupils and teachers who have gone before them.

It is my grateful privilege to record the continued prosperity of the Institution, in all its departments, during the past year. Our large household has enjoyed its usual good health, order and contentment. The pupils have been diligent, and have made in general very satisfactory progress. Two public examinations have been held, which were attended by the President of the Institution, the Chairman and several members of the Committee of Instruction, and others. An account of one of these examinations will be found in the letters of Dr. R. Dunglison, Chairman, and the Principal, in the appendix.

A number of models have been added to our cabinet, illustrative of Natural History and other subjects of useful knowledge, not otherwise easily understood by the Blind.

The subjects of instruction on which the pupils have been engaged during the past year are as follows: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, Algebra, Geometry, Natural History, Philosophy, Natural Physiology, Astronomy, Histories of the United States, Greece, Rome and England, Constitution of the United States, Moral Philosophy, Biblical and general Literature, and vocal and instrumental Music.

The pupils are required, as usual, to attend public worship on the Sabbath, at places selected by their parents or friends. The Institution carefully avoids all sectarian influence.

The teachers and officers are the same as reported last year. Additional experience has qualified them for their important duties, which they have discharged with patient fidelity and success.

The musical department continues to give very satisfactory results, under the skilful direction of Mr. Pfeiffer. The Orchestra is composed of thirty-four performers.\*

Twelve of the pupils receive organ instruction, and forty-six take lessons on the piano. Several of the pupils are at present fully qualified as organists in the Episcopal or other service, and others to teach on the piano forte, and sing in church choirs.

We continue to receive and employ a limited number of adults and graduates in the "Home" and work department. The plan hitherto successfully pursued has not been changed. With several exceptions, the Institution boards those employed by it. These exceptions are persons who are married and live at their own homes. No absolute rule has been adopted here, requiring the male workmen to board in or out of the house. We have consulted, as we conceive, the greatest good of the Blind themselves with the means at our disposal, consistently with the efficiency and safety of future operations.

If an industrious Blind person, after spending a term of years in the Institution, finds himself unable to succeed elsewhere, and applies for employment, we must do one of three things—

\* The orchestra is composed of the following instruments:—violins, 12; violas, 2; violoncellos, 2; contra bassos, 2; flutes, 3; clarionets, 2; horns, 2; trumpets, 3; bass trombone, 1; ophiclides, 1; great drum, 1; military drum, 1; cymbals, 1; triangle, 1; total 34.

Among the celebrated and difficult pieces performed by the orchestra, are the following:—The overtures of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, by *Mendelssohn*; *William Tell*, by *Rossini*; and *La Serment*, by *Auber*; C Minor Symphony, by *Beethoven*; *Weber's Concerto*, for piano and orchestra, and other remarkable compositions by these and other great masters.

1. Board him at a low cost price, or less.

2. Oblige him to board elsewhere, and allow him an annual gratuity to meet his short comings: or

3. Discharge him altogether, to become an object of charitable support.

Between the first and the last of these propositions there would seem to be scarcely a question. Any principle or measure that necessarily in its operation consigns feeble or less skilful, but equally meritorious, Blind persons to idleness and pauperism, must be so exceedingly defective, as scarcely to receive much sympathy, and can only be justified by stern necessity, or an apprehension of other evils of greater magnitude.

But I am unable to see an evil of greater magnitude to such Blind persons, than to be abandoned to a life of hopeless pauperism. And I know I speak their universal sentiment in saying, that no prospect so dark and discouraging could be presented to their own minds.

The question practically then reduces itself to this: whether these Institutions should board their graduate Blind, at a shade less than cost, or compel them to board elsewhere, and make up their deficiencies by an annual gratuity in money. The former has been our own course, and we have not found reason to depart from it. We now, as far as the means of the Institution will go, secure the highest industrial effort of all Blind persons of good moral character, and charge for their support a sum within their ascertained ability to pay.

To allow a gratuity, on the other hand, as proposed by some, to meet the deficiencies of the workmen com-

pelled to board out, must require a charitable fund for the purpose. It is unfortunate for the practical success of this plan, that no Institution for the Blind in this country has any such fund or surplus properly applicable to such purpose.

It may be safe and convenient for our Institutions to say to those who have been educated, or acquired mechanical trades within their walls,—you must now depart, to do as other mechanics do; we will employ you, but you must look out for yourselves; you will be the better for the energy required in the trial; your mental and moral condition will also be more favourable, than if associated together in the same boarding-house, and the Institutions by this course will be relieved from the charge when you become old and infirm.

When institutions for the Blind were first founded in this country, and for some years after, it was assumed that it was only necessary to educate them and give them a good knowledge of some handicraft, and they would go forth and support themselves; and we are happy to record the numerous triumphs of the talents and industry of Blind persons in securing most respectable and independent positions. It is still true, nevertheless, that many at the close of their terms, need just that kind of aid which organizations like our own can best give—not charity, but employment and comfortable homes. Without these favourable means, we repeat, discouragement and failure must result with many. The strong may struggle on, but the weak must go to the wall.

But the great question of the *future welfare of all the Blind*, is broader than any mere details of personal



care, about which there may be honest differences of opinion. It is a question of deep, and to the older Institutions, of pressing interest, and appeals to practical philanthropy for a just and humane solution.

The proportion of Blind persons to the whole population is very small. According to the United States census of 1850, there was only one white person in every 2445. In Pennsylvania, one in 2830. In the four States supporting pupils here, viz. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, the average was one for every 2522 white persons.

A small proportion only of the whole number will find their way to the Institution. Many who do so, will afterwards return to their friends or be successful in their business pursuits. The number of the homeless and indigent, therefore, and those who need the fostering care of the Institution after the expiration of their term of instruction, is comparatively so small, that the difficulties of a comprehensive system for their employment and support cease to be formidable.

In this view, it is not forgotten that there will be in the future, the aged and infirm to provide for. But the same persons would become aged and infirm elsewhere, and much more helpless. I would not incumber the Institution for education, nor the industrial department, with superannuated Blind persons. But in an age of liberal and practical Christian benevolence, we may confidently look forward to the foundation of a *real Asylum* for the respectable and worthy Blind of that class—to save them from that unhappy condition which otherwise must inevitably await them. This subject has been somewhat fully considered in the

20th and other annual reports of this Institution, and need not be further discussed here.

But whether the system adopted in these Institutions be founded on the principle of enabling every blind workman to earn to the utmost of his ability, if it be but one hundred dollars a year or less, and insure him an economical support, or by a different policy practically to render such an effort impossible; of the wisdom of one course there can be no difference of opinion—and that is, to give all the pupils such professions and mechanical trades as may best enable them to leave, when their term is finished, and not to be dependent upon the Institution for either employment or support.

With this view we have lately introduced into our workshop the manufacture of corn brooms. It is a simple business—soon acquired, requiring a very small sum for tools and machinery to start with—and the stock is raised in every part of the country. It is a business that can be pursued in small country towns, better than the manufacture of *brushes*, *willow baskets*, or *mattresses*—which are the principal trades of the four largest Institutions for the Blind.

The sales of the past year have amounted to \$10,243.76; being an increase of \$2602.37 over the sales of the previous year.

The stock of goods on hand is valued at \$3145.44, which is a reduction of \$223.13 on that of the year before, and very little more than is required for a necessary assortment.

The whole amount of goods manufactured last year was—



|             |   |   |   |           |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| By males,   | - | - | - | \$8744 78 |
| By females, | - | - | - | 1224 08   |
|             |   |   |   | <hr/>     |
| Total,      |   |   |   | \$9968 86 |
|             |   |   |   | <hr/>     |

All this shows a favourable condition of this important department. Although the accounts of the workshops exhibit a small loss of about \$160 on the operations of the year, it must nevertheless be regarded as successfully fulfilling its excellent object in teaching and giving employment in useful branches of mechanic art to nearly all our Blind not engaged in music. There is always some loss from waste of material, expense of supervision, selling, &c., which the small profits on the articles sold may not quite cover, and which the Institution cheerfully submits to. This balance scarcely exceeds one and a half per cent on the entire sales. In other words, it has cost only one hundred and sixty dollars to give regular employment to all our workmen and females, for one year, who would otherwise have had little or nothing to do.

We have succeeded in disposing of the work as fast as produced—in keeping the stock down—and thus averting the chief difficulty of all such Institutions—an accumulation of unsold wares. We have been compelled occasionally to put a temporary limit upon the labour of our workmen, but we have never been obliged to discharge any one for want of employment.

Very little has been done here or elsewhere, during the past year, in *printing* for the Blind. Books of this kind costs so much more than others, and the remunerating demand is so limited, that the Institutions cannot be expected to print much of their own

means. Our hope must rest chiefly on private benevolence, or, possibly, some public provision.

This Institution has recently printed a few pages of *Elementary Lessons*, in our own type (Roman capitals), to aid beginners in learning to read works previously printed on our own press. It is proposed to add more pages to this introductory work. The pupils are all taught to read what is called the "Boston letter," in which the whole Bible and most of the important books are printed. On this subject I cannot forbear repeating my conviction of the continued necessity of a *Dictionary of words in common use with concise definitions*.\* I know of no book for the Blind so much needed. In the school room it would be an invaluable aid in teaching orthography, and the true meaning of words in daily use.

The States of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, continue to provide for their Blind in this Institution; New Jersey sustaining seven, Delaware three, and five remain of the Maryland list, to finish their terms. New pupils of that State are admitted into an Institution of its own, chartered about two years since.

In conclusion, the whole subject of the best welfare of the Institution is humbly committed to the wisdom of your honourable body, under whose direction it has so long and so eminently prospered, with a grateful reliance upon a just and good Providence which has so abundantly blessed and provided for those committed to our care.

WILLIAM CHAPIN.

January 1, 1856.

\* Since the above was written, such a Dictionary has been commenced at the press of this Institution, to be printed in parts.

# APPENDIX.

## STATEMENTS EXHIBITING THE CONDITION OF THE MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

### *Articles made in the Institution in 1855.*

#### BY MALE PUPILS, AND WORKMEN.

|        |                                     |   |   |   |           |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| 22,354 | Hand Scrubs,                        |   |   |   |           |
| 2,362  | Hair Brushes,                       |   |   |   |           |
| 3,093  | Horse „                             |   |   |   |           |
| 2,040  | Wall „                              |   |   |   |           |
| 1,316  | Clamps,                             |   |   |   |           |
| 1,024  | Shoe Brushes,                       |   |   |   |           |
| 480    | Cloth „                             |   |   |   |           |
| 339    | Hat „                               |   |   |   |           |
| 283    | Dusting „                           |   |   |   |           |
| 108    | Dutch Brooms,                       |   |   |   |           |
| 241    | Stove Brushes,                      |   |   |   |           |
| 173    | Sweeping, Heddle and other Brushes, |   |   |   |           |
| <hr/>  |                                     |   |   |   |           |
| 33,813 | Brushes,                            |   |   |   |           |
| 2,021  | Corn Brooms,                        |   |   |   |           |
| 242    | Whisks,                             |   |   |   |           |
| 222    | Door Mats,                          |   |   |   |           |
| 1,842  | Yards Rag and List Carpet,          |   |   |   |           |
| 20     | Mattresses,                         |   |   |   |           |
|        | Value,                              | - | - | - | \$8744 78 |

#### BY FEMALES.

|                       |                        |   |   |           |           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| 4475                  | Articles of Bead Work, |   |   |           |           |
| 227                   | Tidies,                |   |   |           |           |
| 19                    | Lamp Mats,             |   |   |           |           |
| 14                    | Purses,                |   |   |           |           |
| 19                    | Pairs of Socks,        |   |   |           |           |
| 156                   | Sundry Articles,       |   |   |           |           |
| <hr/>                 |                        |   |   |           |           |
| 4910                  |                        |   |   |           |           |
|                       | Value,                 | - |   | \$1149 08 |           |
| Sewing for the house, | -                      | - | - | 75 00     |           |
|                       |                        |   |   | <hr/>     | 1224 08   |
|                       |                        |   |   | <hr/>     |           |
|                       | Total,                 |   |   |           | \$9968 86 |

## MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

## DR.

|                                                      |   |   |   |   |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| To Value of finished and unfinished goods on hand,   |   |   |   |   |             |
| January 1, 1855,                                     | - | - | - | - | \$3,366 57  |
| „ Value of raw material on hand, same date,          | - |   |   |   | 1,108 25    |
| „ Cost of material, finishing, boring, &c. in 1855,  | - |   |   |   | 5,247 01    |
| „ Rent of Store,                                     | - | - | - | - | 225 00      |
| „ Salary and commissions of salesman, boy's wages,   |   |   |   |   |             |
| portorage and miseellaneous,                         | - | - | - | - | 864 00      |
| „ Wages and overwork paid to pupils and adults in    |   |   |   |   |             |
| “The Home,” including board,                         | - | - |   |   | 2,401 76    |
| „ Amount exchanged in trade for articles to complete |   |   |   |   |             |
| assortments,                                         | - | - | - | - | 1,602 05    |
|                                                      |   |   |   |   | <hr/>       |
| Total,                                               |   |   |   |   | \$14,814 64 |
|                                                      |   |   |   |   | <hr/>       |

## CR.

By amount of sales in 1855, viz.

|                                                   |   |   |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------------|
| At the Institution,                               | - | - | \$4,298 73 |             |
| At the Store, No. 7 South Eighth st.              |   |   | 5,945 03   |             |
|                                                   |   |   | <hr/>      | \$10,243 76 |
| „ Value of finished and unfinished goods on hand, |   |   |            |             |
| January 1, 1856,                                  | - | - | -          | 3,145 44    |
| „ Value of raw material on hand, January 1, 1856, |   |   |            | 1,172 32    |
| „ Mattresses made for the house,                  | - | - | -          | 16 75       |
| „ Articles made by female pupils for the house,   | - |   |            | 75 00       |
|                                                   |   |   |            | <hr/>       |
| Total,                                            |   |   |            | \$14,653 27 |
| Balancee against the Work Department,             |   |   |            | 161 37      |
|                                                   |   |   |            | <hr/>       |
|                                                   |   |   |            | \$14,814 64 |
|                                                   |   |   |            | <hr/>       |

|                                                           |             |                                                                                                                |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| To Cash received from the Birch Legacy, for 1855, -       | \$6,128 54  | By Cash paid on orders of the Board of Managers, viz.                                                          | \$19,222 63 |
| Do. Harrisburg and Lancaster Rail Road, -                 | 30 00       | For Committee of Instruction, for manufacturing stock, salaries of teachers, music and school apparatus, &c. - | -           |
| Do. T. S. Wiegand and N. B. Kneass, life subscriptions, - | 60 00       | For Committee on Household, for provisions, salaries and wages, fuel, repairs, &c. -                           | 15,842 92   |
| Do. Sales of merchandise, -                               | 9,950 70    | By cash paid building expenses, -                                                                              | 4,500 00    |
| Do. Afternoon exhibitions, for graduates' fund, -         | 1,378 08    | By cash paid outfits to graduates, from exhibition fund, -                                                     | 415 00      |
| Do. Pupils at private charge, -                           | 1,070 00    | By cash paid miscellaneous expenses, -                                                                         | 673 80      |
| Do. Pupils at State charge, viz.—                         | -           | By cash paid Treasurer's salary, -                                                                             | 250 00      |
| From Pennsylvania, -                                      | 14,500 00   |                                                                                                                |             |
| " New Jersey, -                                           | 2,525 00    |                                                                                                                |             |
| " Maryland, -                                             | 1,050 00    |                                                                                                                |             |
| " Delaware, -                                             | 800 00      |                                                                                                                |             |
| Legacy of Jacob G. Morris, and interest, -                | 507 50      |                                                                                                                |             |
| Do. Legacy of Enoch Rittenhouse, -                        | 950 00      |                                                                                                                |             |
|                                                           | \$38,949 82 |                                                                                                                | \$40,904 35 |

The undersigned certify that on a careful examination of the foregoing account they find the same correctly stated, and properly supported by vouchers.—January 1, 1856.

WM. R. LEJEE, }  
ISAAC ELLIOTT, } *Committee on Finance.*

FRANKLIN PEALE, }  
THOMAS C. JAMES, } *Committee of Audit*  
MORRIS PATTERSON, } *and Inspection.*

Examined and found correct.

## LIST OF PUPILS.

*From Pennsylvania.*

| NAMES.               | MALES. | COUNTIES.     |
|----------------------|--------|---------------|
| Armstrong,           |        |               |
| Bixler, Charles C.   |        | Northampton.  |
| Brown, J. Calvin,    |        | Philadelphia. |
| Baker, William,      |        | Wyoming.      |
| Bennett, Wm. Henry,  |        | Susquehanna.  |
| Bailey, George,      |        | Philadelphia. |
| Conrad, Wm. Henry,   |        | Somerset.     |
| Cummings, Alexander, |        | Westmoreland  |
| Griffiths, David,    |        | Schuylkill.   |
| Gunton, John Smith,  |        | Luzerne       |
| Karrigan, Ambrose,   |        | Schuylkill.   |
| Kerr, Samuel,        |        | Bucks.        |
| Klotz, Henry,        |        | Carbon.       |
| Kneass, Napoleon B.  |        | Philadelphia. |
| Lynch, Berriah M.    |        | Mercer.       |
| Morton, Sylvester,   |        | Montgomery.   |
| Miller, Jacob,       |        | Lyeoming.     |
| Nece, Clark D.       |        | Erie.         |
| Ousterhout, Wm.      |        | Susquehanna.  |
| Porter, Edgar M.     |        | Luzerne.      |
| Palmer, Clark,       |        | Bradford.     |
| Pontefract, Edward,  |        | Beaver.       |
| Righter, John E.     |        | Montgomery.   |
| Steiner, John L.     |        | Columbia.     |
| Stalnecker, Wm. H.   |        | Lehigh.       |
| Stewart, Gabriel P.  |        | Allegheny.    |
| Sorrick, David F.    |        | Blair.        |
| Smith, Augustus C.   |        | Philadelphia. |
| Travis, George L.    |        | Bradford.     |
| Wheaton, Robert,     |        | Philadelphia. |
| Weaver, Peter,       |        | Blair.        |
| Witcher, Barnabas,   |        | Huntingdon.   |
| Williams, Michael,   |        | Franklin.     |
| Wolverton, Thomas,   |        | Philadelphia. |

## FEMALES.

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Beatty, Anna,          | Philadelphia.   |
| Benoit, Pauline,       | Do.             |
| Basso, Emma,           | Do.             |
| Bennett, Emily,        | Susquehanna.    |
| Balles, Rosine,        | Philadelphia.   |
| Boyer, Emma,           | Berks.          |
| Clarke, Ann Amelia,    | Jefferson.      |
| Clarke, Catharine,     | Philadelphia.   |
| Campbell, Hannah,      | Franklin.       |
| Drinkwalter, Esther A. | Bradford.       |
| Doherty, Eliza,        | Philadelphia.   |
| D'Ouille, Augusta,     | Do.             |
| D'Ouille, Celoza,      | Do.             |
| Frisard, Fleurine,     | Do.             |
| Greenwalt, Mary,       | Do.             |
| Haslem, Ellen,         | Do.             |
| Hogg, Hannah,          | Do.             |
| Kibby, Mary Ann L.     | Do.             |
| McCulloch, Isabella,   | Do.             |
| Marshall, Margaret,    | Indiana.        |
| Osborne, Eliza,        | Philadelphia.   |
| Pitner, Martha T.      | Northumberland. |
| Pettit, Elizabeth,     | Lycoming.       |
| Price, Mary Ann,       | Mifflin.        |
| Rider, Mary Martha,    | Perry.          |
| Smith, Lavinia,        | Northumberland. |
| Smith, A. Almira,      | Erie.           |
| Starrett, Elizabeth,   | Philadelphia.   |
| Shale, Margaret Ellen, | Lycoming.       |
| Squier, Mary Ann,      | Bradford        |
| Stark, Eliza M.        | Philadelphia.   |
| Tudge, R. Mercy,       | Do.             |
| Wills, Rebecca,        | Montgomery.     |
| Winslow, Mary Lydia,   | Philadelphia.   |
| White, Emma E.         | Do.             |
| Williams, Elizabeth,   | Luzerne.        |

*From Maryland.*

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Basford, Emory S.       | Anne Arundel |
| Porter, M. Georgiana E. | Allegheny.   |
| Talbert, Margaret A.    | Washington.  |
| Wilson, Elizabeth A.    | Cecil.       |
| Wulf, John G.           | Baltimore.   |
| Waters, Martha K.       | Do.          |

*From New Jersey.*

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Fisher, Francis L.     | Cumberland. |
| Hunt, Mary Elizabeth,  | Middlesex.  |
| Garton, Nathaniel B.   |             |
| (deaf, dumb and blind) | Cumberland. |
| Stackhouse, Elizabeth, | Burlington. |
| Hall, Euphemia M.      | Mercer.     |
| Smith, Mary Elizabeth, | Hunterdon.  |
| Sayre, Wm. H.          | Essex.      |

*From Delaware.*

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Kees, Hannah,            | Kent.       |
| Hollingsworth, Joseph F. | New Castle. |
| Reybold, George,         | Do.         |
| Reybold, John,           | Do.         |
| Smith, John,             | Do.         |

*From all other places.*

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Turner, Emma,          | Texas.               |
| Fielding, Frederick,   | Brooklyn, N. Y.      |
| M'Henry, James Noel,   | Green County, Ga.    |
| Miller, S. Hartshorne, | Campbell County, Va. |

*Assistants.*

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| M'Millen, William, | Hankins, Matilda, |
| Brenan, James,     | Laird, Rachel,    |
| Wood, David,       | Gill, Maria,      |
| Mallett, Mary A.   | Henderson, Nancy, |
|                    | Hildreth, Hannah. |



*In the "Home."*

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Besant, Peter.          | Fithian, Annie.     |
| Cruser, Matilda.        | Gutzlaff, Fanny,    |
| Cruser, Catharine,      | Kinney, Michael,    |
| Cormany, Maria,         | Lynch, Sarah,       |
| Carolin, Thomas,        | Lawrence, Rachel L. |
| Donelly, Mary,          | McClosky, James,    |
| Fennimore, Elizabeth A. | Raney, Rebecca,     |
| Pfahler, Catharine.     |                     |

*Adults in the Work Department.*

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Baker, S. C.       | Gilmore, William,  |
| Denning, Robert.   | Eligeroth, Henry,  |
| Folwell, Jas. M.   | Hunter, William,   |
| Farren, Henry,     | Morgan, John,      |
| Froch, J. W.       | Rice, Alexander G. |
| Flannegan, Jas.    | Selkirk, John G.   |
| Coyle, James,      | Snyder, Lewis M.   |
| Driscoll,          | Wall, Matthew,     |
| Dunn, Lewis,       | Riter, Geo. W.     |
| Fisher,            | Sayre, W. H.       |
| Garton, Nathaniel. |                    |

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 RECAPITULATION.

|                          | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Total from Pennsylvania. | 58     | 46       | 104    |
| „ New Jersey.            | 3      | 9        | 12     |
| „ Maryland.              | 2      | 5        | 7      |
| „ Delaware,              | 4      | 1        | 5      |
| „ All other places.      | 3      | 2        | 5      |
|                          | —      | —        | —      |
| Total,                   | 70     | 63       | 133    |

## PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Two public examinations of the pupils have been held during the past year—one in February, the other in June. The following correspondence between Dr. Duglison, Chairman of the Committee of Instruction, and the Principal, refers to the latter examination.

*Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind,  
June 29, 1855.*

Dear Sir,—I respectfully report that the semi-annual examination of the pupils commenced on Monday, 25th, and closed on Wednesday, 27th inst.

The whole number of classes examined was forty-two, on the following subjects, viz.—Reading, raised letters, (5 classes); Writing (2 classes); Arithmetic on slates (4 classes); Arithmetic, Mental (4 classes); Map (2 classes); Globe; Theory of Music; Organ Exercises; Physiology; Geography (4 classes); History (3 classes); Natural Philosophy; Algebra (2 classes); Geometry; Astronomy; Natural History; Grammar (3 classes); Mythology (2 classes); Moral Philosophy and Geology.

The creditable manner in which the pupils have acquitted themselves in these protracted examinations will be considered, I trust, as satisfactory evidence of the ability and faithfulness of the teachers by whom they were instructed.

But, as we have been favoured with the personal attendance, for a large portion of the time, of yourself, as Chairman of the Committee of Instruction, and of Mr. Breck, the venerable President of the Institution, it would be more proper for me to submit the question of merit in the examination entirely to your own judgment—merely remarking that the pupils and teachers acquitted themselves equally well, in the classes examined when you were not present.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

WILLIAM CHAPIN.

DR. ROBLEY DUNGLISON,  
*Chairman, &c.*

## REPLY OF DR. DUNGLISON.

*Philadelphia, June 30, 1855.*

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication to me of the 29th inst. in which you report the subjects on which the different classes were examined at the recent public examination. At the close of it, after some appropriate remarks by the President, Mr. Breck, I stated to the pupils that their examination was, on the whole, very satisfactory, and sufficiently testified to the zeal and ability of the teachers, and to the industry and attainments of the pupils.

There cannot indeed be a more satisfactory stimulus to both parties than such an examination affords. I am beyond measure desirous that our Institution, already not behind any which I have had an opportunity of visiting and examining, should be possessed of every facility for conveying instruction to the pupils; and I have been on the look out for such models and articles in relief as are calculated to throw light upon many matters which cannot be well understood without such aids. Some of the pupils have expressed their anxiety to have a model of the eye, models of the different forms of architecture, &c.—all of which the Committee of Instruction will procure for them, besides working models of many processes in the mechanic arts, representations of mechanical powers and machinery, and of physical processes, models illustrative of natural objects, &c. As soon as the Committee shall have received from you a report of what the Institution already possesses in this direction, they will be prepared to act; for, as I remarked to the pupils, no rational expense will be spared in procuring for them every illustration that can be made available.

With such marked facilities as are afforded them in the Institution, with a Board of Managers actuated by the most unbounded philanthropy and zeal in their course—a Principal and Teachers whose desire is to advance them by every means in their power—and a body of household officers, whose efforts are directed to their general improvement and bodily comfort—it will be the fault of the pupils if they do not richly benefit from all these eminent advantages.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,

ROBLEY DUNGLISON,

*Chairman, &c.*

WILLIAM CHAPIN, Esq.,

*Principal, &c. &c.*

## TERMS

## FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

Pay pupils are charged two hundred dollars a year, which includes board, instruction and medical attendance.

Blind children, in indigent circumstances, from the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, are provided for by those States, respectively, for the term of five to eight years.

The most suitable time for admission is between the ages of ten and fifteen years. Pupils are not usually received under ten; nor over seventeen years of age, except for a more limited period, to learn some useful handicraft.

Applications may be addressed to Franklin Peale, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Admission and Discharge, or to the Principal.

Vacation continues two months—from 1st July to 1st September. Pupils should commence with the term in September, if possible.

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 FORM OF A LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND," in Philadelphia, and their successors forever (if real estate), all that, &c.; (if personal), the sum of, &c.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

The institution is situated at the corner of Twentieth and Race streets, and is convenient of access by several lines of omnibuses, viz. the Vine, Arch, Walnut, Chestnut and Twentieth street, and Chestnut and Sixteenth street lines.

The Institution is open to visitors, every WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, from 3 to 5 o'clock. An opportunity is afforded from 3 to 4 to examine the work rooms; and at 4 o'clock an exhibition is given—consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and exercises with the apparatus used in the instruction of the pupils.

Owing to the impossibility of accommodating the large crowds that attend these exhibitions, when free, a small admission fee is charged at the door.

Fancy articles and brushes are offered for sale, before and after the exhibition, in the Female pupils' work-rooms.

The Store of the Institution is at No. 7, SOUTH EIGHTH STREET, one door below Market, for the sale of goods manufactured by the pupils and blind workmen, where Hair Brushes, Cloth, Hat, Shoe and Horse Brushes, Hand-scrubs, Door Mats, of coir, manilla and jute, Brooms and Rag Carpet, all made of the best materials, are furnished, wholesale and retail, at the lowest market prices.

Grocers and other dealers are particularly invited to examine the above articles. Exchanges will be made for groceries at cash prices.





